



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

March 9, 2018

Upcounty Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, March 12 7:00pm-9:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Suite 1100
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Presentation: "An Update on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System"

Guest: Corey Pitts, Planning Section Manager, Department of Transportation

and

Discussion: "County Efforts on Clean & Renewable Energy"

Guest: Stan Edwards, Chief of Policy & Compliance, Dept. of Environmental Protection

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Inclement Weather Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions:

If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, BCC morning meetings are cancelled; if schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, BCC afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled; if schools are closed all day, all BCC meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Gaithersburg Holds 18th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 10 begins at 10:00am
Rio Washingtonian Center
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg

The City of Gaithersburg, in partnership with Rio Washingtonian Center, will host the 18th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Following the parade there will be **live entertainment by the Lloyd Dobler Effect** on the lakefront plaza until 2:00pm. Dozens of units will march in the parade, including Celtic dancers, bagpipe bands, school groups, clowns, fire trucks, equestrian units, service organizations, and more. This year's Grand Marshal is 2017 Distinguished Friend of Gaithersburg Ken Weiss. More info, call 301-258-6350.



FY 2019 Operating Budget News Event **Thursday, March 15 12:00noon**

The FY2019 Operating Budget funds county services and programs and covers the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. [Watch live](#) event of FY19 Operating Budget News Conference during the event. Follow the budget discussion on Twitter with [#mocobudget19](#).

The County Council will hold public hearings on the proposed operating budget on April 10, 11 and 12, 2018. Council Committee worksessions will begin April 16, 2018.



County Executive
Isiah Leggett



District 4
Councilmember
Nancy Navarro



District 1
Councilmember
Tom Hucker



District 2
Councilmember
George Leventhal



District 3
Councilmember
Nancy Floreen



District 5
Councilmember
Sidney Katz



District 6
Councilmember
Hans Riemer



District 7
Councilmember
Roger Berliner



District 8
Councilmember
Craig Rice

Montgomery County Council to hold Town Hall Meeting in White Oak **Wednesday, March 14 7:30pm-9:00pm** **White Oak Recreation Center** **1700 April Lane, Silver Spring** **(doors open at 7:00pm)**

Residents will be able to express their views, ask questions and learn about public policy issues.

The Montgomery County Council will host a town hall meeting beginning promptly at 7:30pm and concluding at 9:00pm. The nine-member Council includes President Hans Riemer, Vice President Nancy Navarro and Councilmembers Roger Berliner, Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, Tom Hucker, Sidney Katz, George Leventhal and Craig Rice.

Residents are encouraged to ask questions on any issue. Among the issues likely to be raised are those concerning schools, transportation, public safety and the County's capital and operating budgets.

Susan Kenedy, communications specialist and senior producer for the County Council, will moderate the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and rebroadcast at various times on County Cable Montgomery (CCM), which can be found on cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast, Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN and Channel 30 on Verizon. The meeting also will be carried on Facebook Live @CountyCableMoCo. Residents also are encouraged to send in questions during the meeting via Twitter @MoCoCouncilMD.

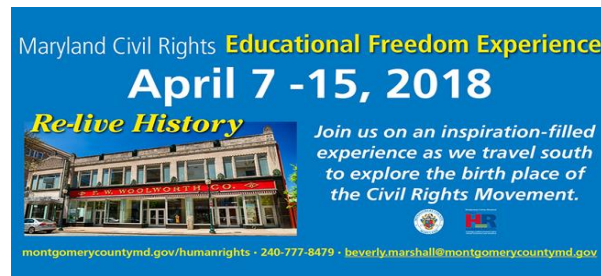
For questions or more information regarding the town hall meeting, email sonya.healy@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7926. To learn more about the Council visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/>.

The meeting is open to all County residents.

Help the County Help You!

As a result of Governor Hogan's Emergency Declaration for the high-wind, weather event on March 2 and 3, 2018, Montgomery County is seeking the public's help in identifying storm-related property damage to determine whether Maryland will meet the threshold required for a federal disaster declaration.

Residents with property damage are requested to fill out the form in this [link](#) to assist in this process. Completing the form is not related to contacting nor filing a claim with an insurance company. If anyone has questions about this form, please send an email to emergency.management@montgomerycountymd.gov



Educational Freedom Experience April 7-15

Deadline for registration is March 16!

Registration is still open for this year's Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience. The trip travels to the heart of the civil rights movement to retrace the Freedom Trail, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro sit-ins, voting rights, and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement.

Early registration is recommended to ensure a space on this popular tour, which is expected to fill to capacity. For registration or more information go to [Office of Human Rights Civil Rights Tour](#).

MCDOT to Hold Three US 29 BRT Open Houses in March

Learn more about the Bus Rapid Transit system planned for US 29 at an open house.
[Read more.](#)

Green Business Certification Program Now Includes Sustainable Farmers

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett joined by Department of Environmental Protection Director Patty Bubar have announced that sustainable farmers certified through USDA Organic or Certified Naturally Grown programs are now included in [County's Green Business Certification Directory](#). The announcement took place at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park located at 18400 Muncaster Road in Derwood.

More information is available in the [press release](#). See [more photos of the event at Flickr](#).

Montgomery Council seeks applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 28, at 5:00pm!

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. The first term of Natali Fani-Gonzalez (Democrat) will expire on June 14, 2018, and she has indicated that she will apply for reappointment.

Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed. This position may be filled by a Democrat, Republican, a voter who declines to affiliate with a party, or a member of another party officially recognized by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

In addition to Ms. Fani-Gonzalez (Dem), current board members are Chair Casey Anderson (Dem), Vice Chair Norman Dreyfuss (Rep), Gerald Cichy (Rep) and Tina Patterson (Unaffiliated). Annual compensation for Board members is currently \$30,000, and the chair currently earns \$204,371.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

For more details regarding responsibilities, etc., see press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21911

Commission on Aging to hold 2018 Public Forum

Wednesday, March 28 8:30am-12:30pm

Silver Spring Civic Building

One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

What Does Age-Friendly Mean for You?

Making Montgomery County a wonderfully diverse community for a lifetime. Hear from experts and share your questions and views related to:

- Civic and social engagement
- Elder abuse prevention
- Employment
- Senior public safety

If needed, request sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aids at the time of registration. Requests must be made 3 days before the event. *Light refreshments served.*

RSVP to tremayne.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-1120.



Connecting Our Community to the World

Thursday, March 29 6:00pm-8:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Building

One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

Join Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and the board members of Montgomery County Sister Cities at the annual "Connecting Our Community to the World" meeting this year! You can learn more about Sister Cities [here](#).

Public Hearings
Tuesday, April 3 1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The deadline to sign-up to speak is April 2 at 5:00pm.

The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on the following bills:

1. Expedited Bill 4-18, Transient Housing - Carbon Monoxide Detector, would amend the type of gas detectors required to issue a bed and breakfast and short-term residential license; and generally amend the law governing gas detectors.
2. Expedited Bill 5-18, Special Taxing District - White Flint - Amendments, would modify the boundaries of the White Flint Special Taxing District; include certain exempt properties in the Special Taxing District if they redevelop; and generally amend the law establishing the White Flint Special Taxing District.

The hearings will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM) on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast; Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN; and Channel 30 on Verizon. They will also be available live via streaming through the Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>

Those interested in testifying at the public hearings could start signing up on Thursday, March 8 online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html> or by calling 240-777-7803. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bills or go to <https://tinyurl.com/MCCBillList>



The 4th Annual GreenFest is Coming!

Saturday, May 5 11:00am-4:00pm
Jesup Blair Park
900 Jesup Blair Drive, Silver Spring

Exhibitors and Vendors Can Register for 4th Annual Montgomery County GreenFest to be Held May 5
Greenfest is Montgomery County's largest environmental festival. Online registration is now open. [Read more.](#)

Montgomery County's Largest Environmental Festival!

For transportation-related news . . .

Latest "Go Montgomery" Now Available

[Read the full edition now.](#)
[Subscribe to Go Montgomery.](#)

BlackRock Center for the Arts
12900 Town Commons Drive, Germantown
www.blackrockcenter.org
301-528-2260

Tonight!



JASON MARSALIS & THE 21ST CENTURY TRAD BAND
Friday, March 9 8:00pm

Award-winning musician Jason Marsalis, of the supremely gifted and renowned Marsalis jazz family of New Orleans plays the vibes with elegant flair, coaxing the instrument's warm vibrato into the spotlight. Over the course of his illustrious career, Marsalis has crossed many genres, offering jazz-influenced takes on everything from bluegrass to classical. Don't miss one of the finest talents in contemporary jazz! **Seats still available!**

also . . .

in the Terrace Gallery
(ends tomorrow!)



For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>